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1. **GERMANY:** Berlin strikers accept western terms---US Representative Murphy in Berlin reports that although the Berlin city administration and the railway workers appear to be quietly satisfied with the initial terms of the rail strike settlement providing for full payment in west marks for three months, their satisfaction is tempered by a very real fear of possible reprisals by the Soviet-controlled authorities. Murphy comments that the key question is whether the railway administration will be permitted to cooperate and adds that a brief period may be necessary before the Soviet Military Administration "graciously" assents to such cooperation. Murphy points out that the Soviet attitude cannot be ascertained until the morning of 28 June when the crews will try to put the intra-city rail system back into operation.

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2. **PALESTINE:** Israeli claim stalls Syrian armistice---US Consulate-General Jerusalem has been informed by Brigadier General Riley of the UN staff that the Israelis are now interpreting Acting UN Mediator Bunche's latest Syrian armistice proposal as giving them administrative control over the projected demilitarized zone. According to the Consulate-General, Riley feels that the Israeli interpretation, which was confirmed to Riley by Foreign Minister Sharett, would be "completely unacceptable" to Syria and that there is thus little chance for the successful completion of an armistice. The US delegation to the UN in New York, meanwhile, reports that Bunche is taking a "stiff line" against the Israeli attempt to modify his proposal and is insisting that his proposal be accepted by both parties as it stands.

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